

Docket No. 1759.068**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. ***(Currently Amended)*** An interface plate configured to be secured to the upper face of a ski and to receive a toe piece and a heel piece of a safety binding, wherein said interface plate comprises:

a longitudinal recess forming a slideway, the toe piece comprising a lower part having a first projecting part and the heel piece comprising a lower part having a second projecting part, said slideway configured to engage the first projecting part and the second projecting part to allow the first projecting part and the second projecting part to slide inside the slideway and to retain the toe piece and the heel piece in the slideway to allow the binding to be adjusted to a length of a boot, and wherein profiles of zones of the slideway respectively holding the first projecting part and the second projecting part are substantially geometrically identical; and

a second recess comprising means for longitudinally adjusting at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece from a first position to a second position to adjust the binding to the length of the boot; and

the means for adjusting comprising means for incrementally adjusting the at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece.

2. ***(Currently Amended)*** Interface plate according to Claim 1 further comprising a lower face configured to directly contact ~~[[h]]~~ the upper face of the ski.

3. ***(Previously Presented)*** Interface plate according to Claim 1 further comprising an elevation platform separating the toe piece and the heel piece by several millimetres from the upper face of the ski.

4. ***(Canceled)*** ~~Interface plate according to Claim 3, further comprising lateral portions directed downwards and intended to engage the ski.~~

5. ***(Previously Presented)*** Interface plate according to Claim 1, wherein the slideway includes at least one region located in a zone (2, 3) accommodating the toe piece or the heel piece, said region forming a rack (28) with which means for longitudinally adjusting the toe piece or the heel piece interact.

6. ***(Previously Presented)*** Interface plate according to Claim 5, further comprising at least one cavity (26, 27) accommodating a panel supporting the rack (28).

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7. **(Previously Presented)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, wherein said plate extends continuously between the zone receiving the toe piece and the zone receiving the heel piece.
8. **(Previously Presented)** Interface plate according to Claim 6, wherein said plate is formed from a profiled metal section.
9. **(Previously Presented)** Interface plate according to Claim 6, wherein said plate is obtained by moulding.
10. **(Previously Presented)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, wherein the slideway is interrupted in a central area of the plate, so that the plate includes two slideways which have a same geometrical profile and are arranged in alignment with one another.
11. **(Previously Presented)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, wherein said plate is formed by two individual plates (41, 42) respectively accommodating the toe piece and the heel piece, said individual plates (41, 42) being joined by a connecting portion (43).
12. **(Previously Presented)** Interface plate according to Claim 1, wherein the slideway has a profile including a flat bottom (5) and two lateral zones (10-13) forming a lip (18-21) returning in the direction of the longitudinal mid-plane (P) of the plate.
13. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 1 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.
14. **(Previously Presented)** Assembly according to Claim 1, wherein the toe piece and the heel piece comprise geometrically identical projecting parts having an inverted-T profile.
15. **(Canceled)** ~~Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 2 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.~~
16. **(Canceled)** ~~Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 3 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.~~

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17. *(Canceled)* ~~Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 4 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.~~

18. *(Canceled)* ~~Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 5 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.~~

19. *(Canceled)* ~~Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 6 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.~~

20. *(Canceled)* ~~Assembly comprising a toe piece, a heel piece and an interface plate according to claim 7 wherein said assembly comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.~~

21. *(Previously Presented)* An interface plate configured to be secured to the upper face of a ski and to receive a toe piece and a heel piece of a safety binding, wherein said interface plate comprises

a longitudinal recess forming a slideway, the toe piece comprising a lower part having a first projecting part and the heel piece comprising a lower part having a second projecting part, said slideway configured to engage the first projecting part and the second projecting part to allow the first projecting part and the second projecting part to slide inside said slideway and to releasably attach the toe piece and the heel piece to the slideway to adjust the binding to a length of a boot, and wherein profiles of zones of the slideway respectively holding the first projecting part and the second projecting part are substantially geometrically identical; and

the slideway having a slideway recess, the slideway recess having means for continuously adjusting at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece to adjust the binding to the length of the boot.

22. *(Previously Presented)* The plate of claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting comprises means for continuously adjusting the at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece.

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23. **(Canceled)** ~~The plate of claim 1 wherein the means for adjusting comprises means for incrementally adjusting the at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece.~~

24. **(Previously Presented)** The plate of claim 21 wherein the means for adjusting comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.

25. **(Previously Presented)** An interface plate configured to be secured to the upper face of a ski and to receive a toe piece and a heel piece of a safety binding, wherein said interface plate comprises:

at least one lateral zone configured to restrain at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece laterally and vertically;

the toe piece comprising a lower part having a first projecting part and the heel piece comprising a lower part having a second projecting part, said at least one lateral zone configured to engage at least one of the first projecting part and the second projecting part to allow the at least one of the first projecting part and the second projecting part to slide inside said at least one lateral zone and to adjust the binding to a length of a boot, and wherein profiles of zones of said at least one lateral zone configured to engage the at least one first projecting part and the second projecting part are substantially geometrically identical; and

a recess having means for longitudinally adjusting at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece from a first position to a second position to adjust the binding to the length of the boot.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The plate of claim 25 wherein the means for adjusting comprises means for continuously adjusting the at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The plate of claim 25 wherein the means for adjusting comprises means for incrementally adjusting the at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece.

28. **(Previously Presented)** The plate of claim 25 wherein the means for adjusting comprises means for moving the toe piece and the heel piece simultaneously and in an opposite direction relative to each other when the binding is being adjusted to the length of the boot.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The plate of claim 25 wherein said means for adjusting is located in said recess.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The plate of claim 25 further comprising an upper surface for receiving

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the toe piece and the heel piece, said upper surface having a longitudinally continuous height.

31. *(Previously Presented)* The plate of claim 30 wherein said upper surface is substantially equidistant from a top surface of the ski.

32. *(New)* An interface plate configured to be secured to the upper face of a ski and to receive a toe piece and a heel piece of a safety binding, wherein said interface plate comprises:

a longitudinal recess forming a slideway, the toe piece comprising a lower part having a first projecting part and the heel piece comprising a lower part having a second projecting part, said slideway configured to engage the first projecting part and the second projecting part to allow the first projecting part and the second projecting part to slide inside the slideway and to retain the toe piece and the heel piece in the slideway to allow the binding to be adjusted to a length of a boot, and wherein profiles of zones of the slideway respectively holding the first projecting part and the second projecting part are substantially geometrically identical;

a second recess comprising means for longitudinally adjusting at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece from a first position to a second position to adjust the binding to the length of the boot; and

the means for adjusting comprising means for selectively adjusting the at least one of the toe piece and the heel piece.